

*Community CROPS earns National Recognition for its Farmers' Training Program*

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry on Monday will review operations at the Community CROPS' Sunset Community Farm in Lincoln.

Community CROPS, a non-profit organization devoted to helping strengthen economic opportunities for beginning farmers, recently earned national recognition from The Philanthropic Collaborative for its job creation efforts. Fortenberry, a member of the House Agriculture Committee and proponent of strong local foods systems, will join Ingrid Kirst, director of Community CROPS, and Sarah Peetz, vice president of the Lincoln Community Foundation, to recognize the organization's innovative efforts to create new work opportunities for those growing healthy food. The farm review is open to the public and will begin at 1:30 pm. Media is welcome to attend.

**Community CROPS' Sunset Community Farm**

**Monday, June 27, 2011**

**1:30 pm**

**4000 West F Street**

**Lincoln, NE**

*Directions: Take A Street west to SW 40th Street. Turn right at SW 40th to West F. Turn left and then make an immediate right onto the gravel drive of the farm.*

In addition to providing technical training to beginning farmers and maintaining Sunset Community Farm as a training site for local food production, Community CROPS manages 15 community gardens around Lincoln that serve more than 170 families. It recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Lincoln Community Foundation and was awarded the 2010 Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Award for Agriculture by Mayor Chris Beutler.

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